fortnight on the 15th and 30th of every month;

(e) if so, since when these dates were overlooked;

(f) whether any investigations has been ordered to find out the likelihood of some understanding between the authorities/officials/employees and the travel agents in this regard; and

(g) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). There has been a case of a travel agent who has closed his office and absconded, whilst two others have defaulted in their payments to Air India. The total gross amount outstanding against them at present is Rs.130.58 lakhs.

(c). They are IATA Travel Agents and are governed by the terms and conditions stipulated by IATA.

(d) No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.

(f) and (g). Preliminary investigations reveal that there does not appear to be any nexus between Air India employees and the travel agents. A First Information Report has also been filed against the travel agents who is absconding.

Grounding of Aircraft of Air India/ Vayudoot/Pawan Hans

*661. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft of the Air India, Vayudoot and the Pawan Hans Limited which are not in operation;

(b) since when these are not in use and the reasons therefor;

(c) the routes/services affected; and

(d) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Apart from scheduled maintenance, no aircraft belonging to Air India is out of operation. Two Dornier and two Avro aircraft of Vayudoot are out of operation for over three months for want of engines and spares. Eighteen Westland helicopters belonging to Pawan Hans Ltd. have been permanently grounded with effect from 9th February, 1991.

(c) and (d). In case of Air India and Vayudoot, no routes/services have been affected. Pawan Hans Ltd., have made alternate arrangements for meeting the requirements of ONGC.

[*Translation*]

Trains Halting at Jalesar Road Station

*662 SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of mail/express/superfast trains halting at Jalesar Road station on Kanpur-Allahabad-Delhi route;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide halt of other trains there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) 1. 4083/4084 Delhi-Katihar Mahananda Express.